

Summer swimming fun begins in spring with sparkling water

Sunshine and warm weather signal the return of spring and another season of swimming fun in the backyard pool.

When it's time to get the pool ready and remove the winter cover, pool owners may find dull, stagnant, lifeless water.

Lack of use during the winter may mean leaves or other debris in the pool bottom. Dark mineral stains and streaks may show on pool sides and at the water-line. What may be worse yet is algae, not

noticeable in its early stages, but just waiting to spread as the water gets warmer.

But there is a solution to the winter-time pool blues, and BioGuard® has it.

Smart pool owners begin by taking a sample of their pool water to their BioGuard Authorized Pool Dealer for a complete water analysis and personalized prescription for year-round care.

There the pool water is computer analyzed, free of charge. The personal Bio-

Guard computerized water analysis system outlines a schedule of how much and which chemicals need to be added to get the water back into proper balance and ready for summer fun. BioGuard has formulated specific chemical products to solve pool problems and keep water sparkling clean and inviting all season.

The computer analysis also performs many tests that home test kits can't measure, like total dissolved solids, copper/iron content and stabilizer level, all important for the health and enjoyment of the pool.

Since every pool has different needs, BioGuard helps owners determine proper amounts of chlorine for bacteria control and algicides for algae control.

The customized plan also spells out the possible need for stain controllers, scale prevention agents or water clarifiers.

It all begins with that water sample. After the cover has been removed, fill the pool and circulate the water for at least 24 hours. Then, immerse a clean, closed plastic water sample bag (available from BioGuard Authorized dealers, free of charge) about 18 inches below the surface of the pool, away from the returns.

Open the container and collect about a quart of water. BioGuard dealers test the water and prescribe just the chemicals needed, no more.

The plan is easy to read and easy to follow. The result is safe, sparkling water to enjoy all summer long.

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According to *International Wildlife* magazine, a Canadian geneticist says he has produced 35 lines of such a miracle grass from 17 alpine species.

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